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1. "The following news was taken from the Kurier Szczecinski, a Polish daily dated 5 Sep 54. This daily is forbidden for export. The paper was snatched out by a sailor.
2. "'This morning the tests of the main machines of the ship Terek were completed. This ship was built entirely by young shipyard workers. In the morning the ship went to the Bornholm Depths to test the anchor and the rudder. Engineer Mogilev (fnu), chairman of the Soviet Reception Commission said: 'The Terek is the fourth ship to be built by the Szczecin shipyard for the USSR. Each ship was better than the foregoing one. This is the result of the continuous improvement of qualifications of the young workers at the shipyard.' Engineer (fnu) Moniak, chairman of the Delivery Commission, said: 'The shipyard has learned something from the faults made on the former ships. The faults, which have now been discovered, will help us to improve the work on the ships to be built in the future.' Captain (fnu) Gowor stated: 'This ship is extraordinarily strong and the machines work well. I should like always to be on such a ship.'"
3. "The paper also gives the conditions under which the youths enlisted for work on PGRs have to work: free housing, food, uniforms and a salary from 300-900 zl. during the period of 7 Sep 54 to 31 Sep 54. Shock workers were to receive premia: cultural and sporting entertainment have been organized. Girls have been sent to the gardens of Pyrzyc, and the boys have been sent to the PGRs in the Szczecin province. The address of the enlistment office was given as follows: Komenda Wojewodzka Po Sluzbze Polsce at Ulica Wawrzyniaka No. 8, Szczecin.

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4. "Last autumn /1953/ and this past spring /1954/, 7,800 hectares of fallow land have been cultivated in the province of Szczecin. The paper complains that much of the land still lies fallow and that the national councils have now shown sufficient interest in the work. Two thousand, one hundred hectares of fallow land which was suitable to be taken under cultivation this autumn /1954/ was not ploughed and nearly two thousand hectares of pastures also remained unused. Particularly backward concerning work on fallow lands are the following districts: Szczecin, Chojna, and Gryfice.

5. "Poland is so short of medical instruments that doctors and nurses have been asked through advertisements in the newspapers to send injection needles to be sharpened.

6. "The address of the provincial management of the League of Soldiers Friends is in Szczecin at Ulica Sw. Wojciecha 12, II p. /sic/.

7. "Szczecin is short of the following textiles: no clothes for boys under six, 'boys' overcoats exist only for 15 year olds, uniforms and aprons for girls exist only in sizes seven and eight. There is a complete shortage of rain-proof pelerines, a complete lack of poplin overcoats for men, and the women are complaining about the incomplete and small selections /of clothes/. The number of suits, coats, woolen dresses, and woolen overcoats must be increased. Men have no poplin shirts. The shops do not have enough satchels for school children on sale."

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